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## CLR e-Briefs

A legal information resource for Community Legal Resources' clients

March 14, 2007

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### New CLR Telephone Number

Community Legal Resources has a new telephone number. It is now 313-962-3171. Please update your records to reflect this change.

### **Whistleblowing and Open-door policies workshop**

***Wednesday, March 21, 2007, 12:00 - 1:00 p.m.***

Join Michigan Nonprofit Association for a special one hour "brown bag" session with Community Legal Resources (CLR) volunteer attorney Charlotte Garry Carne, a Butzel Long associate specializing in employment law.

The session will focus on whistleblower protection and open-door policies - two ways that a non-profit can make clear its commitment to fairness, legal and ethical standards, and organizational responsibility. Learn what these policies are, when your non-profit may be required to have them, and some useful "first steps" that you can take to make them part of your organization's culture.

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Cost:



Where: Youthville Detroit, 7375 Woodward, Detroit,

**\$10.00 for Michigan Nonprofit Association Members and clients of Community Legal Resources. \$15.00 for non-members/non-clients. CLR Members should mark the "Member" box when registering on-line in order to get the reduced rate. Registration includes beverages;**

**please bring your own lunch!**

Registration: Available on-line at [www.manonline.org/workshops.asp](http://www.manonline.org/workshops.asp). For more information, visit [www.mnaonline.org/workshops.asp](http://www.mnaonline.org/workshops.asp) or contact 313-309-1650. **Please RSVP by Friday, March 16th at 5pm.**

## **MNA Public Policy 201: Advanced Advocacy**

**March 19, 2007, 1:00 - 4:00 p.m.**

Ever wonder what a "rider" is? Or how fiscal notes are put together? And can anyone draft a bill? Come to the Ask-the-Expert session on advanced legislative and administrative processes. This training will feature speakers who will highlight resources available at the Capitol which assist advocates to engage in the process.

Presenters: Ed Blews, Association for Independent Colleges and Universities of Michigan; Don Wotruba, Michigan Association of School Boards; and Evie Zois, Dykema.

**Registration Deadline: March 12, 2007. This session will be held at MNA's Metro Detroit Partnership Office, Youthville, 7375 Woodward Ave.**

The registration fee is \$25.00. To register online, visit MNA's website: [www.mnaonline.org](http://www.mnaonline.org)

## **MCDDA Technical Assistance Conference**

**Community Development 101: Back to the Basics - March 22, 2007 9:15 - 4:15**

The Community development arena continues to transform. The practices and regulations are constantly evolving. To assist community development practitioners, the Michigan Community Development Directors Association (MCDDA) is offering a spring conference that will address a number of important topics.

The session will provide a Community Development Block Grant overview that will look at eligible projects and establishing program guidelines. There will be HUD and MSHDA updates and sessions on inspection techniques.



The conference will be coordinated by the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments (SEMCOG), HUD and MSHDA staff and local practitioners. Registration materials and information will be coming soon. For additional information, contact Clarinda Barnett-Harrison at SEMCOG at (313) 961-4266.

## BoardConnect Workshop

### Opportunities

BoardConnect is a nonprofit board training and matching service that builds leadership skills of nonprofit and community members. BoardConnect is offering these opportunities to increase nonprofit board effectiveness and to prepare for board service. Training focuses on board rules, fiduciary duties, effective board building and much more!

#### Building Your Board- Recruiting a Winning Board

Date: Thursday, March 22, 2007

Time: 9:00 am-12:00 pm

Location: Michigan Nonprofit Association - Detroit (Youthville)

7375 Woodward Ave

Detroit, MI 48202

Cost: \$55 (save \$5 with online discount)

#### Serving on a Nonprofit - Essentials of Becoming a Nonprofit Board Member

Date: Wednesday, April 4, 2007

Time: 4:00-7:00 pm

Location: Tech Town

440 Burroughs

Detroit, MI 48202

Cost: \$55 (save \$5 with online discount)

#### Results through Assessment

Date: Thursday, April 5, 2007

Time: 4:00pm - 6:00pm

Location: NEW Center

1100 N Main St

Ann Arbor, MI 48104

Cost: \$40 (save \$5 with online discount)

Go to [www.boardconnect.org](http://www.boardconnect.org) to register or call 734- 998-0160

**Beyond the Budget: Putting Our Fiscal House in Order  
Featuring Governor Granholm**

***Friday, March 30th 10am - 12 noon***

Michigan is currently facing its most serious financial crisis in decades. As Michigan enters a seventh consecutive year of budget deficits, the revenues available to fund programs and services at current levels will be approximately \$3.5 billion short of what is needed in the current fiscal year and in Fiscal Year 2007-2008.

Governor Granholm has proposed a restructuring of Michigan's taxes that, if adopted, would increase the revenues available to fund public services and provide growth in the future. Governor Granholm will discuss the urgent need to address Michigan's financial crisis. A panel discussion will follow that will respond to the Governor's plan and highlight how another state - Virginia - successfully addressed a similar fiscal crisis in 2004.

The panel will feature: Michael Edwards, Deputy Director for Legislative Affairs, Virginia Association of Counties; Paul Hillengonds, Senior Vice President of Corporate Affairs and Communications, DTE and former Speaker of the House; and Lynn Jondahl, Executive Director, Michigan Prospect; former State Representative and House Tax Policy Chair; and MLHS Board Chair.

**Michigan League for Human Services**

**Registration Fee: Members \$45, Non Members \$70**

[www.MiLHS.org](http://www.MiLHS.org)

**Phone: 517-487-5436 333 E. Michigan Avenue, Lansing**

## **Data Privacy and Information Security in the Digital Age Workplace**

***Save the Date: Thursday, April 19th, All-Day Event***